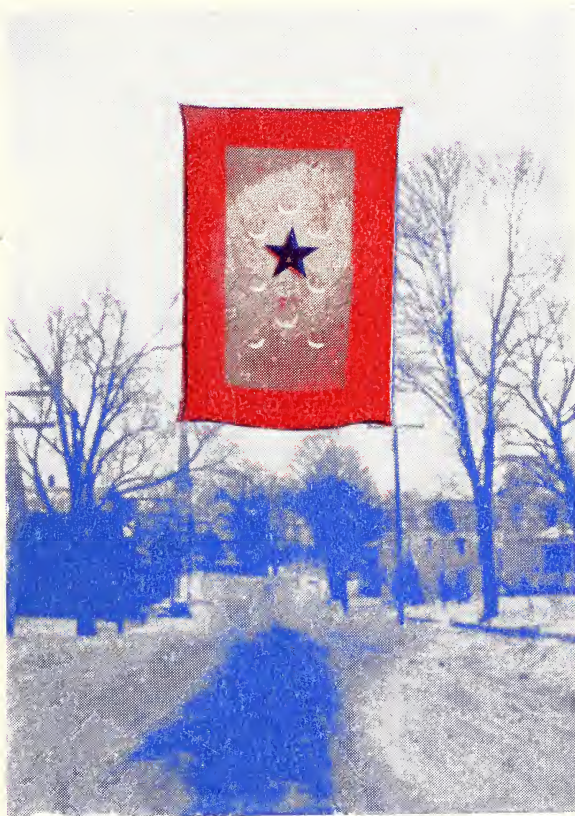




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OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

Town of Groton, Vermont

For the Year Ending January 31

1944



OUR COVER

The splendid cover on our report this year is the gift of Mr. Charles C. Lord. We are proud of this cover, we are proud of the service flag reproduced on it, we are proud of the boys which it represents, and we are proud that we have in our midst a citizen whose aim has ever been to boost Groton's interests.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

George H. Ricker

Clerk and Treasurer

George H. Millis

Selectmen

Nelson W. Whitehill

To March 7, 1944

Gerald I. Mores

To March 7, 1944

Herman P. Ricker

To March 6, 1945

School Directors

Earl Welch

To March 7, 1944

Alice Goodine

To March 6, 1945

Emma Graham

To March 5, 1946

Road Commissioner

Bert Bailey

Overseer

Virginia Frost

Constable and Collector

George H. Ricker

Listers

Earl Welch

To March 7, 1944

Robert N. Brown

To March 6, 1945

Malcolm Graham

To March 7, 1944

Town Agent

George H. Millis

Grand Juror

G. Robert Pillsbury

Auditors

Burton L. Brown

To March 7, 1944

Ralph N. Carpenter

To March 6, 1945

Library Trustees

Fannie M. B. Ricker

1944

Minnie Brown

1945

Helene White

1946

Nellie Jeffrey

1947

Ida M. Ricker

1948

Report of Tax Collector

Year	Due 2-1-43	Collected	Due 2-1-44
1930	80 17	9 26	70 91
1931	123 84	47 10	76 74
1932	150 77	68 27	82 50
1933	120 80	74 75	46 05
1934	181 45	95 66	85 79
1935	318 25	159 16	159 09
1936	475 83	158 95	316 88
1937	514 68	202 10	312 58
1938	840 97	406 29	434 68
1939	1,032 82	365 91	666 91
1940	1,496 33	460 36	1,035 97
1941	2,130 56	695 24	1,435 32
1942	3,192 02	1,470 05	1,721 97
1943	22,770 63	18,795 52	3,675 35
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	\$33,429 12	\$23,008 62	\$10,120 74
Discount		299 76	
Uncollected taxes 2-1-34			\$23,473 53
Uncollected taxes 2-1-44			10,120 74
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Reduced			\$13,352 79

GEORGE H. RICKER, Collector

Report of Treasurer

Cash on hand	\$3,995 29
Perry Auto Co., rebate	67 51
Dog license money	160 90
Montpelier National Bank	2,954 25
Road money	67 73
E. E. Darling	500 00
State of Vermont	24 68
Perley Williams (payment on place)	15 00
Perry Auto Co., rebate	1 98
Travelers Ins. Co. (on bridge)	159 40
Cemetery Fund	133 60
G. H. Ricker, coll.	23,008 62
Order No. 194, paid twice	350 00
	<hr/> \$31,438 96

Overseer

Rebate from U. V. M. C.	\$100 00	
Rebate from George Fisk for David Fisk	50 97	
	<hr/>	150 97

Road Commissioner's Receipts

Surface treatment	\$1,304 70	
Town Highways	1,668 23	
Use of Truck	65 28	
Use of Truck	81 00	
Use of Truck	187 00	
	<hr/>	3,306 21

Schools

State of Vermont, State school money	\$2,631 00
State of Vermont, Vocational money	1,441 25
Town of Ryegate, tuition	818 72
Town of Topsham, tuition	45 00
Ira Farrow, tuition	25 00
Jacklyn Miller, tuition	15 00

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Lyle Frazer, rebate	2 32	
Old Typewriter	32 00	
Lease land	24 00	
	<hr/>	5,034 29
Total receipts		\$39,930 43

Cash Paid Out

Paid Selectmen orders	\$13,078 02	
Paid School Directors' orders	14,577 71	
Paid Overseer's orders	1,435 29	
Paid Road Commissioner's orders	1,459 92	
Paid State Road orders	1,995 47	
Paid Unselected Highway orders	1,668 81	
Paid winter road work orders	501 07	
Total paid out	<hr/>	\$34,716 29
Total receipts	\$39,930 43	
Total payments	34,716 29	
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Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$5,214 14	

GEORGE H. MILLIS, Treasurer

Financial Standing

Liabilities

Montpelier National Bank, bonds	\$18,000.00
Order No.	
3 Feb. 1, 1919, I. H. Goodwin	1,000 00
53 July 1, 1921, Jessie Whitehill	1,000 00
563 Jan. 30, 1928, E. E. Darling	2,000 00
147 Jan. 30, 1929, E. E. Darling	2,200 00
348 April 28, 1932, Trustees Methodist Church	1,000 00
1 Feb. 6, 1935, Carl Vance	700 00
26 April 13, 1935, Carl Vance	900 00
103 Jan. 1, 1938, Grant Vance	1,600 00
27 Mar. 7, 1941, Trustees Methodist Church	1,000 00
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	\$29,400 00
Due School account to July 1, 1944	2,400 44
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	\$31,800 44

Assets

Due on tax bill see Collector's report	\$10,120 74
Real Estate Bought	851 15
Fifty shares Class B stock	1,000 00
Material in hands of Selectmen	600 00
Due from State, road money, winter maintenance	842 50
Due Schools, tuition	83 00
Due Schools, rent on lease land	18 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer	5,214 14
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	\$18,729 53

Total liabilities	\$31,800 44
Total assets	18,729 53

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	\$13,070 91
Town Debt 1942-43	\$15,959 15
Town Debt 1943-44	13,070 91
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Town Debt reduced	\$2,888 24

Report of Selectmen

Order No.

1	Gerald Morse, services as Selectman	\$115 00
2	H. P. Ricker, services as Selectman	65 00
3	W. W. Pillsbury, services as Selectman	65 00
4	Robert Pillsbury, services as Auditor	20 00
5	B. L. Brown, services as Auditor	20 00
6	R. N. Carpenter, services as Auditor	20 00
7	Wendell Crown, winter roads	55 00
8	Bert Bailey, winter roads	142 35
9	Franklin Emery, winter roads	10 50
10	Horace Bailey, winter roads	101 50
11	Geo. H. Ricker, 1% com. on taxes collected	146 16
12	Geo. H. Ricker, trip to St. Johnsbury for gas and oil ration	6 00
13	Robert Pillsbury, winter roads	3 50
14	I. N. Dennis, winter roads	3 50
15	Robert Pillsbury, services as ballot clerk	4 00
16	Mrs. Bessie Morrison, rent of hall 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943	35 00
17	Robert Pillsbury, shoveling snow	1 00
18	Russell Pillsbury, winter roads	1 00
19	George Clark, erecting booths	9 00
20	George Millis, check books	3 50
21	Virginia Frost, services as Old Age investigator	10 00
22	C. E. Ricker, 1941 and 1943 bonds	60 00
23	Chas. Lord, 530 reports and envelopes	99 10
24	Bert Bailey, winter roads	119 60
25	Horace Bailey, winter roads	92 00
26	Wendell Crown, winter roads	10 45
27	William Emery, winter roads	2 70
28	Franklin Emery, winter roads	9 15
29	Motor Vehicle Dept., registration of truck	10 00
30	Green Mt. Power Corp., lights at garage	4 70
31	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, garage rent, Jan., Feb., Mar.	45 00
32	B. L. Brown, postage on reports	10 00
33	R. Moulton, winter roads	4 00
34	Molly Falls Tel. Co., phone at Observation Post	9 08
35	Socony Vac. Oil Co., oil for tractors	26 75

36	Lowell McLeod, steel nuts and labor on tractor	6 45
37	Philip Comfort, garage fires	48 00
38	Farm Bureau Auto Ins. Co., insurance on truck	8 75
39	Molly Falls Tel. Co., Defense Center	6 63
40	Vt. Road Equipment, repairs on tractor	173 64
41	A. M. Flanders, welding tractor	39 23
42	Caselline Venable Corp., blades for snow plow	73 95
43	Dr. A. C. Archambault, services as Health Officer	101 00
44	Carroll Goodine, winter roads	2 70
45	Milton L. Julian, county treas., 1c on dollar assessment	49 09
46	McAuliffe Paper Co., flags for cemetery	3 00
47	Orlo Goodwin and Ralph Bailey, fixing fence on Roy Vance farm	5 00
48	S. A. Garbati, work in cemetery	22 50
49	Harold Eastman, care of West Groton ceme- tery and Glover cemetery	14 00
50	S. A. Gargati, mowing by hand in cemetery	26 00
51	Harold Eastman, mowing Peacham cemetery	8 00
52	S. A. Gabati, hand mowing in cemetery	28 00
53	Gerald Smith, rent on town clerk's office, Aug. 21, 1942 to Aug. 21, 1943	60 00
54	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of garage April, May, June	45 00
55	Green Mt. Power Corp., lights in town garage	1 00
56	Molly Falls Tel. Co., Defense Center	2 76
57	Geo. Ricker, 13 tax liens at 50c, 1943	6 50
58	Lowell McLeod, labor on chain	3 00
59	Arthur Graves, legal fees	71 80
60	Library Trustees, money appropriated	25 00
61	John K. White Est., Observation Post	3 40
62	John K. White Est., truck (gas and material)	111 96
63	Geo. Ricker, postage	10 80
64	Mrs. Emma Graham, helping on grand list books and mileage	28 88
65	Malcolm Graham, services as lister	59 16
66	Montp. Nat. Bank, int. on bonds to Aug. 1, 1943	341 25
67	Geo. H. Millis, recording 13 tax liens	6 50
68	Bert Bailey, labor on snow fence	24 12

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69	Ned Lindsey, labor on snow fence	19 80
70	Franklin Emery, labor on snow fence	19 80
71	Bert Bailey, winter roads	29 35
72	Horace Bailey, labor on snow fence	10 50
73	Franklin Emery, labor on snow fence	3 15
74	S. A. Garbati, care of lots in cemetery	131 60
75	Walter Dana, winter roads	3 00
76	H. Ricker & Son, lumber for bridges	285 34
77	Green Mt. Power Corp., lights in town garage	4 00
78	Montpelier Nat. Bank, note due	3,000 00
79	Earl Fletcher, Farm Bureau assessment	76 47
80	Levi R. Kelley, State Treas. No. 302 Highway	851 61
81	Legares Garage, repairs and gas for truck	63 05
82	Bert Bailey, labor on bridge	29 02
83	Franklin Emery, labor on bridge	23 65
84	Ned Lindsey, labor on bridge	23 65
85	Horace Bailey, labor on bridge	19 25
86	Waldo Heath, labor with team on bridge	3 00
87	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of sheds for July, August and September	45 00
88	Lowell McLeod, 401 lbs. steel for bridge	24 06
89	Farm Bureau Auto Ins. Co., insurance on truck	8 75
90	Vt. Inst. In., tax book	1 36
91	Green Mt. Power Corp., lights in garage	2 00
92	Molly Falls Tel. Co., Defense Center	6 33
93	Old Age Assistance, old age tax	760 50
94	Vt. Road Equipment, as per bill	35
95	C. E. Ricker, insurance	14 87
96	A. M. Flanders, as per bill	18 65
97	Farm Machine Exchange, bolts	1 68
98	Caselline Venable Corp., blades for snow plow	51 85
99	For-All Grain Co., cement	3 40
100	Perry Auto Co., labor on truck	1 98
101	For-All Grain Co., cement for West Groton bridge	188 00
102	David Hall, stringers for Heath bridge	30 00
103	Bert Bailey, labor on Henry Goodwin bridge	26 32
104	Horace Bailey, labor on Henry Goodwin bridge	17 05
105	Ned Lindsey, labor on Henry Goodwin bridge	14 30

106	Franklin Emery, labor on Henry Goodwin bridge	9 90
107	Bert Bailey, winter roads	42 52
108	Horace Bailey, winter roads	28 05
109	Franklin Emery, winter roads	29 15
110	Ned Lindsey, winter roads	29 70
111	Horace Bailey, winter roads	34 65
112	Mrs. Maggie Frost, lumber for bridge	43 16
113	Bert Bailey, winter roads	49 95
114	Franklin Emery, winter roads	11 55
115	Leslie Bixby, labor man and truck	6 50
116	Dr. A. C. Archambault, services as Health Officer	36 35
117	Bailey Bros., radiator for truck	5 50
118	Mrs. E. C. Frost, making 1943 tax books	25 00
119	Perry Auto Co., repairs on truck	19 25
120	Bert Bailey, winter roads	63 34
121	Horace Bailey, winter roads	30 80
122	Waldo Heath, 42 yds. gravel for Goodwin bridge	4 20
123	Franklin Emery, winter roads	24 20
124	Chas. C. Lord, printing	49 00
125	Lowell McLeod, repairs for truck	47 80
126	G. L. McLam, care of town clock, Feb. 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944	16 50
127	Green Mt. Power Corp., lights for Dec.	1 00
128	International Salt Co., salt for sand	61 96
129	Socony Vac. Oil Co., oil for tractor	21 40
130	Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of garage and sheds, Oct., Nov., Dec. 1943	45 00
131	Caseline Venable Corp., blades for snow plow	33 32
132	Village Trustees, maintaining village fire engine	363 58
133	Dr. A. C. Archambault, services as Health Officer	7 50
134	Groton Bobbin Co., wood for town clerk's office	9 00
135	Mrs. J. B. Renfrew, services as Librarian, in 1943	112 00
136	Geo. H. Ricker, Coll. tax abatements	175 72
137	Geo. H. Ricker, Coll. tax on Lee Blanchard property, for deed to property	151 15
138	A. S. Graves, legal fees	4 00
139	C. E. Ricker, bonds	15 00
140	W. Cassidy, 125 chickens killed by dogs at 60c	75 00

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141	Joanna Aldrich, Gertrude Perry, use of pasture for Observ. Post	8 12
142	Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oil for tractor	20 40
143	Bert Bailey, winter roads	66 15
144	Horace Bailey, winter roads	43 45
145	Franklin Emery, winter roads	23 65
146	Leslie Bixby, winter roads	24 50
147	Gerald Darling, winter roads	7 15
148	Elmer Frost, labor and material on Observ. Post	25 63
149	State of Vt., use of 2 50-ton jacks on bridge	2 00
150	Elmer Frost, work on bridges	126 90
151	C. H. Goss Co., recapping tire	16 80
152	Green Mt. Power Corp., lights in garage	1 00
153	Geo. H. Millis, lights and vital statistics	21 00
154	Geo. H. Millis, services as Town Clerk	150 00
155	Montpelier National Bank, 2 bonds paid	1,500 00
156	Montpelier National Bank, interest on bonds	341 25
157	I. H. Goodwin, interest on order No. 3, Feb. 1, 1918, Feb. 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944	35 00
158	Jessie Whitehill, order No. 53, July 1, 1921, int. Feb. 1, 1943, to Feb. 1, 1944	35 00
159	E. E. Darling, int. on order No. 563, Jan. 30, 1928; No. 147 Jan. 30, 1929, from Feb. 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944	147 00
160	Carl Vance, int. on order No. 1, Feb. 6, 1935, No. 26, April 13, 1935, Feb. 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944	56 00
161	Grant Vance, int. on order No. 103, Jan. 1, 1938, Feb. 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944	56 00
162	Methodist Church Trustees, int. on order No. 27, Mar. 1941, No. 348, Apr. 28, 1932, Feb. 1, 1943, to Feb. 1, 1944	70 00
163	Legares Garage, repairs on truck	11 14
164	J. K. White Est., gas and material for truck	110 58
165	J. K. White Est., oil for Observation Post	30
166	National Bank of Newbury, service charge	2 00
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		\$13,153 02

Classification of Selectmen's Orders

Interest	\$1,081 50
Elections	13 00
Cost of winter roads	1,787 63
Salaries	538 00
Lights, postage, telephone and printing	175 76
Insurance	47 37
Registration	10 00
Listers' salaries and mileage	88 04
Rents	283 12
Bridges	873 20
Cemetery expense	233 10
Gas and material	222 54
Repairs on truck	167 20
Health Officer	144 85
Library expense	137 00
Vital statistics	21 00
Fuel	15 50
County Tax and Farm Bureau Tax	125 56
Balance Commission on tax collections and fees	146 16
Village Trustees	363 58
Tax abatements	175 72
Property tax for deed to property	151 15
Notes and interest bearing orders paid	3,000 00
Bonds paid	1,500 00
Old Age Assistance	770 50
Making tax books	25 00
Dog damage	75 00
Highway tax 302	851 61
Civilian Defense	54 13
Legal fees	75 80
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	\$13,153 02

The following bridges and improved road work was done this year under the supervision of the Selectmen and Road Commissioner with the approval of the District Commissioner.

On State Highway No. 1 leading from Groton Village to Topsham, re-treating with tar.

On State Highway No. 2 leading from Groton Village to Peacham, re-treating with tar.

On Selected Highway No. 3 leading from 302 to Rickers Mills, re-surfacing with gravel.

The Town Highway or Unselected money was expended as follows.

Funds available	\$1,760 73
1942 balance	407 50
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Total State fund	\$2,168 73
Used for Winter Maintenance	500 00
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Remainder for Summer Maintenance and Improvement	\$1,668 73

From the above \$900.00 was used on the H. P. Ricker road and the balance of \$768.73 for ditching, cleaning and repairing culverts and surfacing as much road as possible with gravel on all other Town Roads.

From the Selectmen's General Fund the plank bridge on the West Groton road by I. H. Goodwin's was replaced with one of cement.

We are submitting below an estimated budget which is based on actual expenses that must be paid. We ask the tax payers to give this careful consideration that the town may continue to reduce its interest bearing debt.

GROTON TOWN REPORT

Budget

Overseer	\$.45
Summer Roads	.30
Winter Roads	.20
Retire Bonds	.30
Interest	.30
Route No. 302	.20
General Expenses	.45
Town Officers	.20
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Total Town tax	\$2.40

GERALD MORSE,
H. P. RICKER,

Selectmen.

DOG ACCOUNT

68 Dogs licensed at \$2.00 each	\$136 00
6 Dogs licensed at \$6.00 each	36 00
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Total	\$172 00
Less Town Clerk's fee of 15c each	11 10
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	\$160 90

G. H. MILLIS, Town Clerk

Report of Road Commissioner

SUMMARY

Expended on Town Highways

Bert Bailey, 790 hrs. labor	\$509 30	
Horace Bailey, 403 hrs. labor	199 55	
Franklin Emery, 669 hrs. labor	341 65	
Ned Lindsey, 463 hrs. labor	253 05	
Orlo Goodwin, 4 hrs. labor, man and team	4 00	
Len Crown, sharpening tools	2 00	
Lowell McLeod, labor	3 00	
Perry Auto Co., labor on truck	22 27	
Total for labor	<hr/>	\$1,334 82
J. K. White Estate, gas	\$99 55	
Vt. Explosive Co., dynamite	22 25	
Walso Heath, 33 yds. gravel	3 30	
Total for material	<hr/>	125 10
Total cost		<hr/> \$1,459 92
Appropriation from town	\$1,558 22	
Balance on hand	<hr/>	98 30

SUMMARY

Expended on Selected Highways

Bert Bailey, 50 hrs. labor	\$33 74	
Franklin Emery, 18 hrs. labor	9 90	
Ned Lindsey, 42 hrs. labor	23 10	
Horace Bailey, 50 hrs. labor	27 50	
Treasurer of State of Vermont, labor	614 46	
Bert Bailey, 25 hrs. labor, truck	37 50	
Total for labor, truck, etc.	<hr/>	\$746 20

Barrett Co., tar	\$1,171 27	
Treasurer of State of Vermont, 156 yds. gravel at 50c	78 00	
Total for materials	<u> </u>	1,249 27
Total cost		\$1,995 47
Appropriation from State	\$1,304 70	
Cost to Town	<u> </u>	690 77

SUMMARY

Expended on Unselected Highways

Bert Bailey, 573 hrs. labor	\$386 78	
Franklin Emery, 488 hrs. labor	268 40	
Ned Lindsey, 509 hrs. labor	279 95	
Horace Bailey, 229 hrs. labor	125 75	
Town of Groton, 189 hrs., labor, truck	132 30	
Treasurer of State of Vermont, use of equipment	149 16	
Total for labor, trucks, etc.	<u> </u>	\$1,342 34
Treasurer of State of Vermont, 114 yds. gravel	\$57 00	
Treasurer of State of Vermont, tar	269 47	
Total for material	<u> </u>	326 47
Total cost		\$1,668 81
Appropriation from State	\$1,668 73	

SUMMARY

Expended on Winter Highways

Franklin Emery, 111 hrs. labor	\$61 05	
Horace Bailey, 128 hrs. labor	70 40	
Bert Bailey, 131 hrs. labor	88 42	
Ned Lindsey, 24 hrs. labor	13 20	
Town of Groton, 62 hrs. labor, tractor	187 00	
Town of Groton, use of truck and plow	81 00	
Total for labor, plows, etc.	<u> </u>	\$501 07
Appropriation from State	\$500 00	

Report of Overseer

	FOOD	CLOTHING	BOARD AND LABOR	TOWN EXPENSE	MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL	TRANSPOR. TRUCKING POST. & TEL.	TOTAL	REBATE
Commodities						\$ 14 19	\$ 14 19	
Dickey, Mrs. Ethel	\$ 87 16						87 16	
Fisk, David	50 97						50 97	50 97
Horton, Children		8 96	334 86		8 00	9 00	352 82	
Page, Ellery	120 00				330 86	27 89	128 00	
Pomeroy, Wm.	77 52			175 00			436 27	100 00
Services of Overseer							175 00	
Tramps	26						26	
Welch, Mrs. A. G.			65 00		53 04		118 04	
Welfare				72 58			72 58	
Totals	\$250 66	\$8 96	\$399 86	\$247 58	\$391 90	\$51 08	\$1,435 29	\$150 97
Rebates							150 97	
								\$1,284 32

Total Cost of Poor

VIRGINIA FROST, Overseer

Report of School Directors

EXPENDITURES

Town Year—Feb. 1, 1943 to Jan. 31, 1944

Teachers' salaries	\$9,596 70
Supervision	903 47
School Directors	85 00
Janitors	605 10
Text books	176 79
Supplies	428 76
Furniture	150 65
Repairs	231 27
Fuel	562 99
Lights	115 72
Transportation	1,317 65
Hot Lunch (transportation on commodities)	21 60
Cleaning school houses	57 10
School census	9 36
Insurance and bonds	219 12
Miscellaneous	96 43
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	\$14,577 71

RECEIPTS

Balance, February 1, 1943	\$2,854 28
State Aid	2,631 00
Federal Aid, vocational	1,441 25
Town tax, \$1.75	9,089 58
Tuition, Ryegate	818 72
Tuition, Topsham	45 00
Tuition, Marlene Farrow	25 00
Tuition, Jacqueline Miller	15 00
Lease land	24 00
Rebate from Lyle Frazer, Canning Project	2 32
Old Typewriter	32 00
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Total	\$16,978 15
Orders drawn	14,577 71
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Balance, February 1, 1944	\$2,400 44

Due School Account February 1, 1944

On lease land	\$18 00
Tuition, Wallace Grey	36 00
Tuition, Topsham	47 00
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	\$101 00

**STATE SCHOOL YEAR
EXPENDITURES**

July 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943

Teachers' salaries	\$9,064 96
Supervision	728 57
School Directors	85 00
Janitors	500 50
Text books	181 31
Supplies	345 89
Furniture	85 43
Repairs	74 20
Fuel	314 00
Lights	177 60
Transportation	1,242 50
Insurance	186 22
Miscellaneous	183 19
Hot Lunch (transportation on commodities)	11 45
Agricultural Building	577 67
Farm Machine Course	86 42
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	\$13,846 91

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943

Balance July 1, 1942	\$293 36
Raised by tax	6,832 62
State Aid	2,592 73
Old typewriter	32 00
George Clark, used radiator	2 00
For-All Grain Co., error in change	40

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Meroa Cassady, lease land	18 00
Mattie Frost, lease land	4 97
Vocational Education	1,062 95
Defense, Vocational Education for Farm Machine Course	97 71
Tuition, Ryegate	875 00
Tuition, Topsham	77 00
Town of Groton	2,000 00
Total	<hr/> \$13,888 74
Orders drawn	13,846 91
Balance, July 1, 1943	<hr/> \$41 83

TEACHERS' SALARIES

July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

VILLAGE SCHOOL

Lillian Garvin	\$1,800 00
Olive Goodfellow	1,300 00
John Goodfellow	500 00
Pearl Welch (\$550 Federal Aid)	1,200 00
Lyle Frazer (\$600 Federal Aid)	1,200 00
Margaret Carter	850 00
Nora Tillotson	845 00
Everdene Hood	800 00
Thelma Donald	800 00
	<hr/> \$9,295 00

WESTVILLE

Dorothy Main	800 00
Total	<hr/> \$10,095 00

SUPERVISION

J. Stewart Garvin	\$820 25
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JANITORS

Village School, C. H. Hendry	\$600 00
Westville School	17 50
Westville School, Orlo Goodwin	35 00
Agricultural Building, J. Willard Benzie	17 60
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Total	\$670 00

TRANSPORTATION

Henry Cassady	\$550 00
William Emery	600 00
Burton Bailey	105 00
Eben McDonald	105 00
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	\$1,360 00

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1944-1945
State School Year

Teachers' Salaries	\$10,300 00
Supervision	820 25
Directors	85 00
Janitors	750 00
Text books	150 00
Supplies	350 00
Furniture	100 00
Repairs	250 00
Fuel	900 00
Lights	125 00
Transportation	1,400 00
Insurance	200 00
Miscellaneous	100 00
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	\$15,530 25

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

State Aid	\$2,779 00
Federal Aid	1,000 00
Town tax, \$1.75	9,000 00
Lease land	45 00
Tuition	800 00
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	\$13,624 00

A school tax of at least \$1.75 will be necessary to meet expenses for another year.

EARL WELCH
 ALICE GOODINE
 EMMA A. GRAHAM
 School Directors

Report of Superintendent

Members of the School Board and Citizens of the Town of Groton:

I submit, herewith, my annual report of the conditions existing in the schools of the Town of Groton.

This year an additional elementary teacher was employed in the Village school. Each elementary teacher now has two grades. For several years the elementary teachers have had too many pupils and too much to do. The situation is greatly improved this year with the pupils fairly well distributed. Miss Everdene Hood is the new elementary teacher.

The problem of securing an adequate high school faculty was difficult. The position of Principal has been held open for Mr. Douglass Dopp who is in the army. There are very few men principals available. The few candidates were not interested under the present arrangements.

As a temporary measure Miss Lillian Garvin was appointed Principal of the High School. We were fortunate to secure Mr. and Mrs. John Goodfellow who are well qualified for their positions. Mr. Goodfellow is giving an excellent course in Pre-Flight Aeronautics. We were also very fortunate to have Mrs. Welch and Mr. Frazer back with us again.

Mrs. Dorothy Main accepted the Westville School just before school opened in the Fall. She has been doing good work. It would have been very difficult this year to make satisfactory arrangements for the transportation of these children.

I feel that the Town of Groton is very fortunate in having such an efficient group of teachers. At a time when the efficiency of many schools is at a low level and some schools are closed we are not only able to operate the schools but also provide a high level of instruction. There are no Commercial, Agriculture or Home Economics teachers available. Very few small high schools are able to offer good courses in all these fields.

Nearly all the boys are enrolled in the Agriculture Course. During the Fall term the boys helped farmers in Ryegate and Groton with their crops. The school has received personal letters thanking the boys for saving the potato crop. Mr. Frazer also worked on the Food Program this Summer. Food was canned for the school to use for hot lunches. The people of the community also had an opportunity to can their food. Very few small communities had this type of service available.

Regular state aid this year is \$2,631 compared with \$2,592.73 last year. This small increase is due to the fact that the legislature raised the amount for each pupil in average daily attendance. We are in need of a further increase in state aid in order to be able to pay the salaries necessary to secure and retain efficient teachers. The present increase barely offset losses due to decreased enrollment.

The Agriculture Department has made screen for the village building and also built a storm door and entrance that will keep the building warmer. The Directors have secured more adjustable shades for the elementary rooms.

In spite of many difficulties, Mrs. Welch is putting on a good Hot Lunch Program. There are no surplus commodities available this year.

It is hoped that some fluorescent lights may be installed this year if equipment can be secured.

Very favorable comments have been received from numerous educators who have visited the village to observe the work being carried on in Clothing Education. This project is sponsored by the Sloan Foundation. Intelligence and achievement tests were given to all pupils in Grades 1-12 in connection with the program. Several of the teachers have taken work in summer school along this line and have written some material that is being used. The repair of shoes and the hanging of clothes on hangers are two practical things that are being done. Parents should be interested in this work as some very practical work is being done.

The following table gives the enrollment by schools and by grades for the Fall term. The per cent of attendance is also given.

School	Grades												Total	Per Cent Attendance
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
High									16	13	7	7	43	90.4
Grammar							18	12					30	94.2
Intermediate					8	14							22	94.4
Second Primary			18	10									28	93.3
Primary	15	16											31	94.4
Westville	3	2	1	3		2	3						14	96.6
Totals	18	18	19	13	8	16	21	12	16	13	7	7	168	93.9

The total enrollment is seven more than last year. There were thirteen high school tuition pupils enrolled for the Fall term—twelve from Ryegate and one from Topsham. There is one elementary tuition pupil from Topsham and one from Ryegate with tuition paid from private source. There is also one elementary tuition pupil from Victory with tuition paid from private source.

We are sorry that the health service carried on by Mrs. Armstrong has been discontinued. This was discontinued because the town did not increase the amount that they had been paying for this service. Much good was accomplished through immunization of the children against diphtheria and small-pox; through dental clinics; by carrying on remedial work such as securing glasses; by providing physical examinations by doctors and through a program of health instruction. Until such time as this service can be restored parents and teachers will have to take more responsibility for the health program.

The following is a summary of some of the things that should be considered.

1. Salaries necessary to retain and secure efficient teachers should be paid. This should be first in importance.
2. The health and welfare of the children kept in mind when war time adjustments, such as closing schools, are made.

3. Greater effort made by the citizens toward securing increased state aid for education.

4. Agriculture course continued on half time basis with Newbury, if possible.

5. Systematic improvement of the village building continued.

In conclusion I wish to thank parents, teachers and directors for their cooperation with me and for the support that they have given the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART GARVIN,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Groton, Vt., Feb. 1, 1944

Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1943	\$2 11
Received annual appropriation, from Town	25 00
Received from Seyon Trout Ranch, Mrs. Noyes	25 00
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	\$52 11
Books purchased from Library Book House	\$37 42
Postage for same	21
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	37 63
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Balance on hand	\$14 48

FANNIE M. B. RICKER
Treasurer, Library Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

From Jan. 1, 1943, to Jan. 1, 1944

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	\$18 19
Received from fines	13 64
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	\$31 83
Paid for subscriptions to magazines	\$16 50
Paid for books	2 08
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	18 58
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1944	\$13 25
Number of Patrons,	1,092
Number of books loaned	2,058
Number of magazines	171

MRS. J. B. RENFREW
Librarian

GROTON SERVICE FLAG COMMITTEE

Received from donations		\$104 75
W. M. Willis Co., 1 Flag, 15 ft. x 18 ft.	\$72 80	
J. K. White Estate, Rope and Snaps	4 00	
Barre Daily Times, Card of Thanks	50	
Capt. C. O. Granai, telephone call	30	
	<hr/>	87 60
Cash on hand		<hr/> \$17 15

MRS. NELLIE JEFFREY
 MRS. ESTHA DARLING
 MRS. B. L. BROWN
 CHARLES C. LORD

Committee

SALVAGE COMMITTEE

Cash Received from Salvage

J. W. French, chair	\$0 10
B. T. Phillips, tea kettle	25
Calvin Frost, auto parts	3 00
Joe Ziter, salvage pile	150 00
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	\$153 35

Paid Out

Telephone calls to Lyndonville Daily Reports	\$2 25
Gasoline for trucks	1 10
Refund to Joe Ziter for old auto not in pile	5 00
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	8 35
Cash turned over to High School to be used for lights	<hr/> \$145 00

P. T. WHITE, Chairman.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE
Montpelier, Vermont

For the information of your taxpayers and because the program touches every community and a great number of its people, the customary annual statement is presented for inclusion in your town report.

The Vermont Old Age Assistance Program is in its ninth year of activity. Nearly 11,000 Vermonters have received the benefit of its services and payments. It has proven a dignified and reliable method of relieving uncertainty, distress and need in old age.

To date, about 8½ million dollars has been expended in the State. The number currently receiving assistance is 5,400 persons. This is about 15% of the estimated number of persons over sixty-five years of age. Since the beginning of the program, the entire expense of administration has been 4.2%. The Social Security Board, Washington, D. C., has figures to show that, on a comparable basis, no other State has a better record for efficiency and economy.

Payments of Old Age Assistance to persons applying from your Town amounted to \$4,032.50 during the year January 1, 1943, to December 31, 1943.

The number of recipients in December, 1943, was 15.

The increase in the cost of food, fuel, rents and services constitutes a serious problem to persons dependent on small fixed allowances and has been the cause of much concern to the Old Age Assistance Department.

The advice and council of local officials and interested persons has been very valuable, and is gratefully acknowledged by the Director, his associates and field staff.

Very sincerely yours,

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON, Director

Report of Auditors

WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN 1943

Selectmen's Department

Fixed Charges:

Old Age Assistance assessment	\$770 50	
U. S. Route 302 assessment	851 61	
County tax and Farm Bureau assessment,	125 56	
Town Bonds paid and retired	1,500 00	
Total	<hr/>	\$3,247 67

Interest:

On Bonds and Borrowed Money		1,081 50
Borrowed Money, Montpelier National Bank	\$3,000 00	
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Cemetery:

Cemetery Fund account	\$133 60	
Care of Cemetery	99 50	
	<hr/>	233 10
Winter Roads	\$1,787 63	
Salaries and mileage	639 04	
Repairs on truck	167 20	
General expenses	2,990 75	
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		\$13,153 02

Less:

Borrowed money	\$3,000 00	
Cemetery Fund money	133 60	
Travelers Ins. Co.	159 40	
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Net cost to Town		\$9,860 02

School Department

Spent		\$14,577 71
Received from State	\$2,631 00	
Federal Aid	1,441 25	
Tuition	903 72	
Lease Land	24 00	
Miscellaneous	34 32	
		<u>5,034 29</u>
Net cost to Town		\$9,543 42

Overseer's Department

Total paid out	\$1,435 29	
Rebates		150 97
		<u>\$1,284 32</u>
Net cost to Town		

Highway Department

Selected Highways	\$1,495 47	
Unselected Highways	1,668 81	
Town Highways	1,459 92	
Winter roads by Commissioner	501 07	
		<u>5,125 27</u>
Received from State and other sources for roads		3,306 21
		<u>\$1,819 06</u>
Net cost to Town		\$9,860 02
Selectmen's account		9,543 42
Schools		1,284 32
Overseer		1,819 06
Roads		<u>\$22,506 82</u>
Less receipts from other sources		4,712 34
		<u>\$17,794 48</u>
Net cost to Town		5,212 14
Balance on hand January 31, 1943		<u></u>
Total amount of tax collected	\$23,008 62	

Abstract of Grand List and Taxes Raised

Total appraised valuation of taxable Real Estate	\$424,205 00
Total appraised valuation of Personal Property	61,400 00
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Total valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property	\$485,605 00
One per cent of total appraised valuation	4,856 05
339 Polls at \$1.00 each	339 00
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Town Grand List	\$5,195 05
Taxes assessed on \$4.22 on the dollar, plus 339 Polls at \$2.50 each, total	\$22,770 63
Taxes outstanding, February 1, 1943	10,652 09
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Tax bill	\$33,422 72
Plus 1 Poll added, 1942	6 40
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	\$33,429 12
Total amount collected	\$23,008 62
Discount	299 76
Tax outstanding February 1, 1944	10,120 74
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	\$33,429 12

List of Town Property

Tractors and Snow Plows	\$4,000 00
For Truck	800 00
Two Road Machines	875 00
Three Safes	1,000 00
70 rolls Snow Fence	500 00
One Sander	100 00
Culvert Thawer	150 00
School Property	28,900 00
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	\$36,325 00

We have audited the reports of the several town officers.

B. L. BROWN
R. N. CARPENTER

Auditors

BIRTHS, 1943

- Loretta Jane Davis, born Jan. 4, daughter of Alfred Colbeth and Evelyn Mae Davis.
- William Francis Vance, born Jan. 6, son of George Henry Vance and Theresa Maila (Legare) Vance.
- Stanley Eugene Beck, born Jan. 26, son of Harold Earl Beck and Ruby Evelyn (James) Beck.
- Kenneth Colin Williams, born Feb. 20, son of Perley Edward Williams and Bernice Alma (Hart) Williams.
- (Baby) Emery, born Mar. 27, son of William Raymond Emery and Vena Shirley (Annis) Emery (stillborn).
- Dorothy Carol Hatch, born May 1, daughter of John Franklin Hatch and Mary Victoria (Page) Hatch.
- Sharon Ann Morrison, born June 28, daughter of Wesley Howard Morrison and Lillian Rachael (Darling) Morrison.
- Jon Pierce Main, born Aug. 1, son of Walter George Main and Dorothy Arlene (Pierce) Main.
- Doreen Kay Beck, born Aug. 5, daughter of Orrin Ray Beck and Albertine Esther (Boomhower) Beck.
- Janice Ruth Bracey, born Aug. 11, daughter of Robert Julian Bracey and Ruth (Dunlap) Bracey.
- Alton Raymond Ricker, born Aug. 28, son of Raymond Amaziah Ricker and Leona Bertha (Page) Ricker.
- Seth Stanley Ashford, born Sept. 17, son of Justin M. Ashford and Mary G. (Emery) Ashford.
- Carol Ann Welch, born Sept. 23, daughter of Clarence Douglas Welch and Ida Marie (Shatney) Welch.
- Earlene Jane Legare, born Dec. 13, daughter of Ulric Legare and Della (Frost) Legare.
- Donna Marie Smith, born Dec. 14, daughter of Gerald Ernest Smith and Vivian Blanche (Ladeau) Smith.

MARRIAGES, 1943

- Mar. 2, Russell Burton Page, Groton, and Phyllis Gwendolyn Caldwell, East Ryegate.
- Mar. 8, Warren C. Goodwin, Groton, and Pearl M. Young, Groton.
- Mar. 15, Irving O. Moulton, Jr., Groton, and Annie R. Hall, Topsham.
- June 19, Ronald Arthur Page, Groton, and Jessie Florence Will, Ryegate.
- July 7, Burnell R. Vinton, Bar Harbor, Maine, and Isabell Bain, Groton.
- Sept. 8, Charles Wm. Moses, Jr., Groton, and Dorothy May Learned, Groton.
- Nov. 25, Clayton E. Welch, Groton, and Pearl Towne Marvin, Fairfax, Vt.

DEATHS, 1943

- April 3 Minnie B. Knox, age 80 years, 24 days.
- May 20 Paul R. Kaiser, age 68 years, 1 month, 24 days.
- June 25 Ella M. Pillsbury, age 79 years, 1 month, 10 days.
- July 11 Mary Jane Hosmer, age 86 years, 5 months, 26 days.
- July 18 James H. Smith, age 73 years, 10 days.
- Aug. 2 Delia M. Welch, age 82 years, 4 months, 1 day.
- Aug. 13 Isaac Roy Vance, age 67 years, 5 months, 9 days.
- Oct. 2 Leonard W. Crown, age 67 years, 6 months, 1 day.
- Oct. 14 John A. Chase, age 77 years, 11 days.
- Oct. 18 William Pomeroy, age 72 years.
- Dec. 16 Gerald E. Smith, Jr., USNR, age 19 years, 4 months, 23 days.
- Dec. 26 William E. Daniels, age 39 years, 8 months, 10 days.

Groton Cemetery

Permanent Funds — Year Ending January 31, 1914

Deposited in Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

No. Book	Lot	Fund	Care	Balance
17872	John Benzie	\$108 30	\$2 00	\$106 30

Quarry Savings Bank & Trust Co.

13837	David H. Vance	107 97	1 74	100 23
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Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.

43220	George H. Vance	99 19		99 19
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Barton Savings Bank & Trust Co.

14923	George Burnham	104 86	2 75	102 11
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Merchants National Bank

6663	Linnie Brock	105 61	2 25	103 36
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Barre Trust Company

3291	Moses Plummer	86 29	1 60	84 69
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Peoples National Bank

25234	Keenan Renfrew	103 04	1 75	101 29
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Passumpsic Savings Bank

48104	John Crown	102 25	2 00	100 25
47829	Daniel Roberts	50 76	75	50 01
47749	J. A. Welch	108 02	2 00	106 02
47116	Franklin Emery	172 37		172 37
46803	E. J. Clark & D. Coffrin	103 44	2 00	101 44
44466	David & Geo. Whitehill	105 46	2 25	103 21
42337	Timothy Emery	108 00	2 00	106 00
43263	Geo. R. Brown	104 82	2 00	102 82
43154	Jesse Heath	51 60	1 00	50 60
39570	M. & B. M. & F. M. Weld	213 22	5 00	208 22
43344	Morris D. Coffrin	109 66	2 50	107 16
40864	S. P. Welch	108 76	2 50	106 26
35369	A. P. Renfrew	307 07	7 00	300 07

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Wells River Savings Bank

No. Book	Lot	Fund	Care	Balance
14185	Richard C. Annis	103 46	1 50	101 96
11198	Frank Ricker	107 19	2 00	105 19
11200	William Ricker	122 10	3 25	118 85
12090	John Butson	105 93	2 00	103 93
12683	G. P. Sanderson	76 08	1 50	74 58
13154	Phoebe Bailey	104 91	2 00	102 91
13608	James K. Adams	50 70	50	50 20
13823	James A. Gerald	102 01	2 25	99 76
13853	Frank P. Heath	50 91	1 00	49 91
14059	Robert T. Heath	102 17	2 25	99 92
14452	Clark C. Crown	156 11	2 25	153 86
14453	Timothy Morrison	156 64	2 25	154 39
14451	Frank C. Crown	156 64	2 00	154 64
14394	Geo. H. Vance	102 56	3 00	99 56
14524	Peter Welch	154 25	2 00	152 25
14702	Aug. M. Heath & wife	819 15	10 00	809 15
	Grover C. Smith & wife			
	Hulda Heath			
	Chas. Robinson & wife			
14858	Annual Venner	308 34	2 00	306 34
14930	Mary and A. T. Dennis	101 24	75	100 49
15042	Jacob H. Welch	101 63	2 00	99 63
15045	Eva A. Bailey	157 29	2 00	155 29
15299	David Lumsden	200 00		200 00

Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company

27881	Nathan H. Ricker	394 54	2 00	392 54
33523	W. H. Glover	104 55	2 50	102 05
31119	S. E. Page	232 33	4 50	227 83
32646	J. H. Welch	110 47	2 75	107 72
18289	Meroa H. Renfrew	262 46	3 00	259 46
22878	William Dow	147 11	2 25	144 86
18290	F. R. Seaver	156 00	2 25	153 75
27196	H. L. Gilman	373 91	6 00	367 91
27024	William Taisey	107 50	2 50	105 00

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29672	W. L. Wiles	117 39	2 50	114 89
23732	Lester Lowe	117 90	2 75	115 15
37039	Alex and E. Renfrew	105 60	3 00	102 60

Burlington Savings Bank

162823	Arthur	102 01	2 01	100 00
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		\$8,025 77	\$127 60	\$7,898 17

Mary J. R. Ricker and John Taisey Lots by the provisions of the will of the late Mary J. R. Hall the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company was made Trustee of a fund of \$1,000.00 for care of these lots. Amount expended this year \$6.00.

NOTICE

The inhabitants of the Town of Groton who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Morrison hall in Groton Village on Tuesday, March 7, 1944, A. D. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to-wit:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Article 3. To take action on the Town Reports as printed.
- Article 4. To elect all necessary Town Officers and fix their compensation.
- Article 5. To vote to raise money to retire bonds due each year and pay current expenses of the town.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to declare a recess for the purpose of holding the annual School Meeting at the close of this meeting.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on taxes on Real Estate and Personal Property if paid on or before July 10th and a discount of 1% if paid on or before September 10th.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise a tax of 40¢ on the dollar to pay deficit of school account as of July 1, 1943.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum annually of not less than \$25.00 for books for the library.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to maintain half the expense of the village fire engine.
- Article 11. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?
- Article 12. Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?
- Article 13. To hear reports of Historical Committee appointed by the Selectmen.

- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money towards the publication of a Town History, and if so, how much?
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$200 to be used in co-operation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.
- Article 16. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

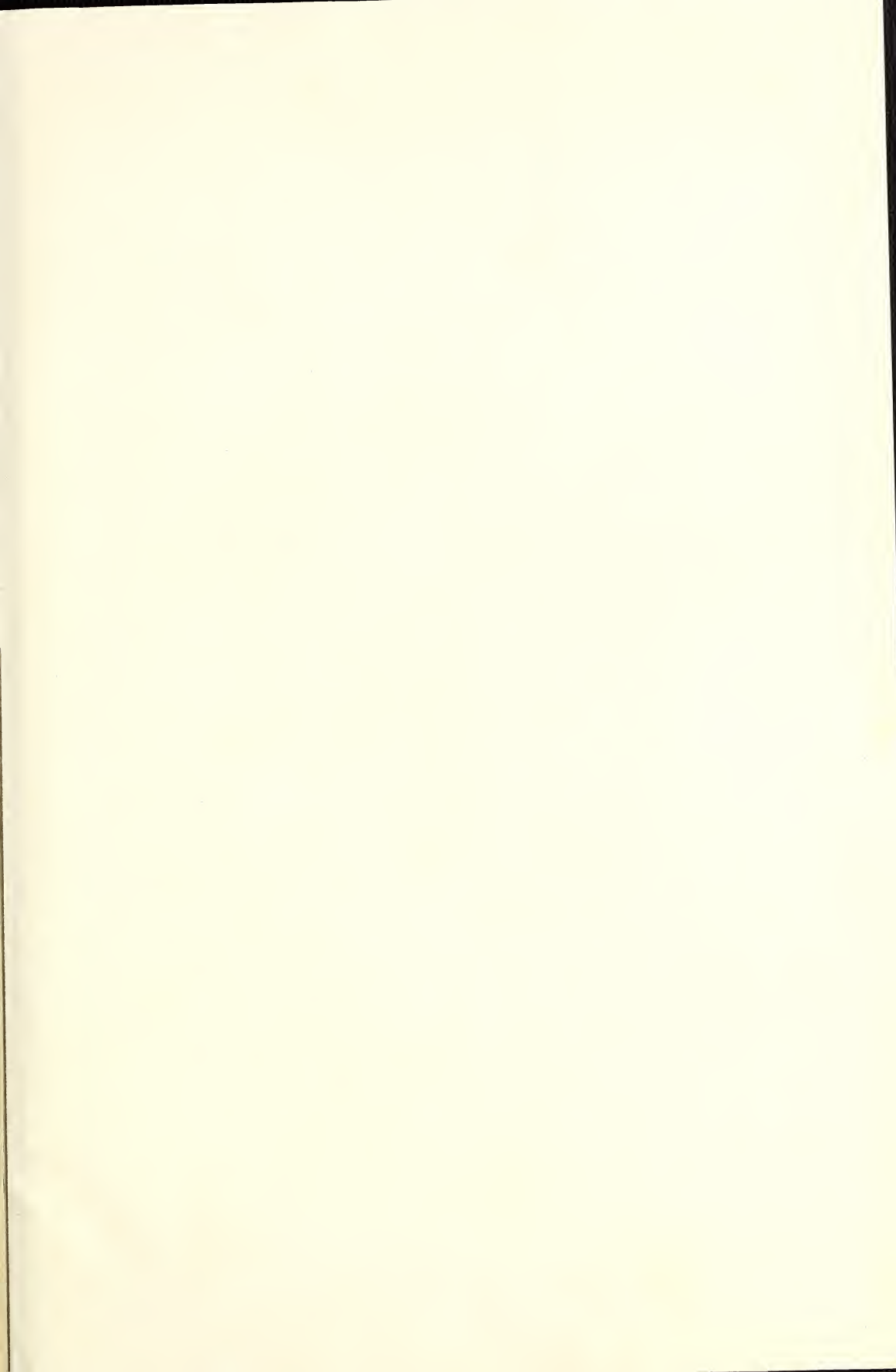
On adjournment of above meeting the legal voters of Groton Town School District will meet to transact the following business

- First. To elect a Moderator.
- Second. To elect a School Director for three years.
- Third. To vote the necessary money for the support of the schools.
- Fourth. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Dated at Groton, Vermont, this 16th day of February A. D. 1944.

GERALD MORSE, }
H. P. RICKER, } Selectmen





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100.00

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31.36

31.36
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3285

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31.49